

Secondary Water Metering

Utah Water Task Force

2019 Senate Bill 52 (Utah Code 73-10-34)

Secondary water suppliers - entities that supply pressurized secondary water

1. Entities must install meters on all NEW connections designed after April 1, 2020
2. Entities must submit, before December 31, 2019, submit to the Utah Division of Water Resources a plan for how metering of individual connections could implement for their system
3. Entities must report annually their water use data to the Utah Division of Water Rights
4. Funding is available to assist in financing the costs of installing meters
5. Study of issues related to secondary water metering by the Utah Water Task Force

Need & Issues

Cost
Timing
Potential Exemptions
Financing
Other Issues



Reasons for Secondary Metering

Growing population

Limited water supply

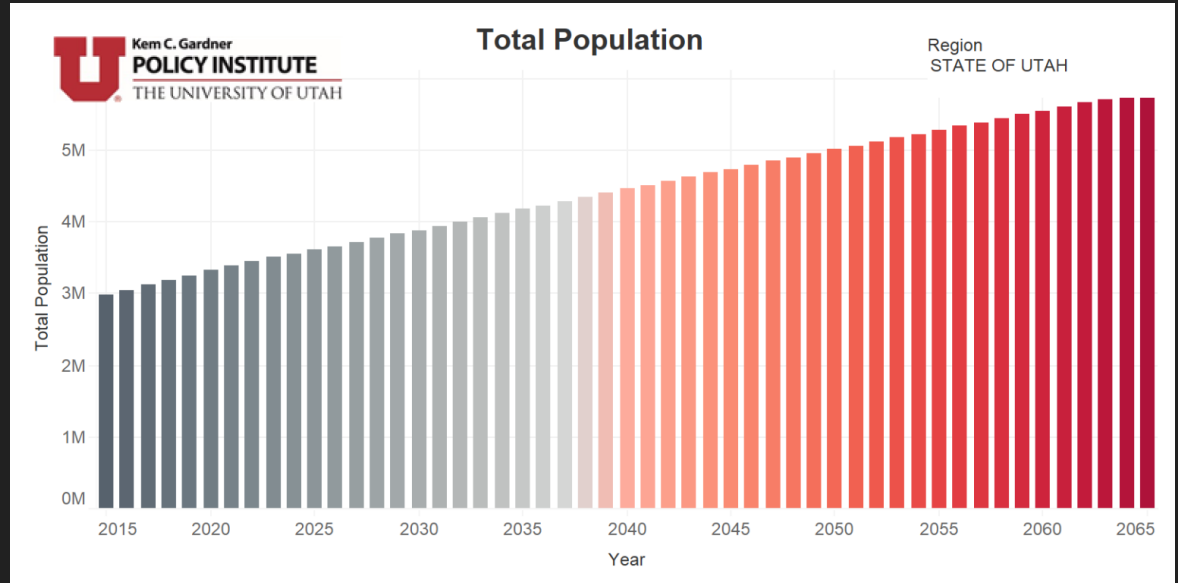
Can't manage what you don't measure

High per capita water use among
secondary water users

Water savings estimated between 15-
30%

Delay new water development projects

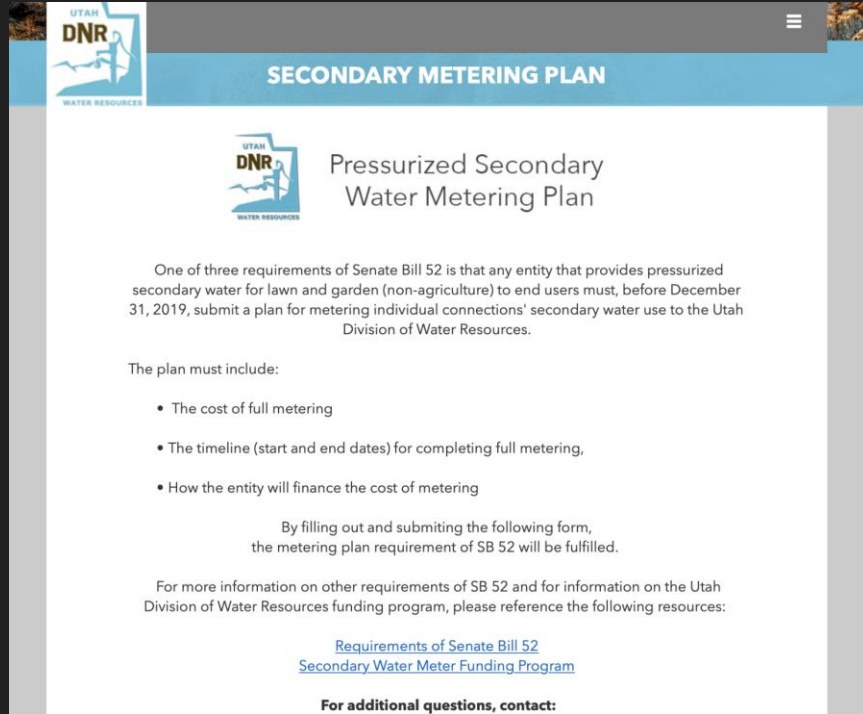
Fairness



Issues

- Cost on meters, installation and ongoing cost was by far the largest issue
- Potential burdens may fall heavier on smaller systems
- Timing issues may occur when a short implementation period creates problems with competitive bidding, material available, installation and financing
- Exemptions are desired for areas of the state with water quality issues, fixed annual water contracts, and systems that are built out
- Financing does not cover the full cost nor is state financing available where entities are not able to get a warranted meter
- Additionally longer payback periods and 0% interest rates are desired

Status of Metering Plan Requirement



The screenshot shows the Utah DNR website's 'SECONDARY METERING PLAN' page. The header includes the Utah DNR logo and the text 'WATER RESOURCES'. The main title is 'Pressurized Secondary Water Metering Plan'. The content explains that Senate Bill 52 requires entities providing pressurized secondary water for lawn and garden (non-agriculture) to end users to submit a plan for metering individual connections' secondary water use to the Utah Division of Water Resources by December 31, 2019. The plan must include:

- The cost of full metering
- The timeline (start and end dates) for completing full metering,
- How the entity will finance the cost of metering

By filling out and submitting the following form, the metering plan requirement of SB 52 will be fulfilled.

For more information on other requirements of SB 52 and for information on the Utah Division of Water Resources funding program, please reference the following resources:

[Requirements of Senate Bill 52](#)
[Secondary Water Meter Funding Program](#)

For additional questions, contact:

In July, over 1,100 packets and 500 emails were sent to irrigation companies and water suppliers to inform of SB 52 requirements.

To date:

- 10 reports of have been submitted
- 50-60 phone calls have been received and addressed

Deadline December 31, 2019